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Dear Examiner Avila:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated 19 April 2006, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks:

SUMMARY OF NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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| Claims 46, 48-49 and 52 | Obviousness type double patenting |